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Docket No.: 2837-0129P

MS PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/443,182 filed on January 29, 2003.

Inventor(s): BALLER; Werner Josef

For: TRANSFER CHUTE AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE CHUTE

Enclosed are:

\boxtimes	A specification consisting of Seventeen (17) pages						
\boxtimes	Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings						
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on . Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.						
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow						
\boxtimes	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.						

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\boxtimes	Preliminary Amendment						
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76						
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)						
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee						
	Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)						
	Other:						
\boxtimes	Provisional application filed in English: \square YES \square NO						
	If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy: is attached hereto will follow.						

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$530.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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